

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 11, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 34-37 are amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry of the amended claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 11, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 34-37 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Independent claim 1 is amended to recite a computer system including "receiving member identification information from a terminal of one member;. . . transmitting, to said terminal of said one member, a web page providing first display information to a terminal of one registered member, said first display information comprising: a first image to identify said one member, and a plurality of second images to identify other registered members, wherein each of the other members belongs to a same genre as said one member; . . . receiving, from said terminal of said one member, information indicating selecting of an image of a selected member from said first display information;. . . transmitting a member web page of said selected member to said terminal of said one member;. . . if said selected member is one of the other members, forming second display information comprising about said one of the other members and prompting the one member to input a comment to said one of the other members , and if said selected member is said one member themselves, forming second display information prompting said one member to request a comment from an expert in said genre."

Independent claims 15 and 22 are similarly amended. Dependent claims 11, 20, 27, and 34-37 are amended to correspond to respective parent claims.

Support for the amendments is found, for example, for a "registered member" on page 16, line 26-page 17, line 14, for a "web page providing first display information" on page 6, lines 22-24, and for a "transmitting a member web page of said selected member to said terminal of said one member" on page 21, line 27- page 22, line 6 and page 23, lines 10-20. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry of the amended claims are respectfully requested.

Traverse of Rejections

In item 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 11, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 34-37 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Okura (U.S.P. 5,829,003) in view of Fethe (U.S.P. 5,926,794).

The rejection is traversed. In item 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner provides a suggestion of allowable subject matter.

The Examiner indicates:

Okura does not teach or suggest a member web page, which is disclosed in the instant specification (Fig. 2, and in the specification, where it is generally called a "votive panel web page", e.g., at spec. p. 9 line 4). Hence the instant rejection could be overcome by limiting the independent claims to a member web page.

(Action at page 3).

The Examiner further provides a suggested example amendment of the claims, using claim 22 as an example. (Action at pages 3-4). Applicants thank the Examiner for the review and thoughtful suggestions.

Independent claim 1, as amended herein, recites a computer system including

(1) "transmitting, to said terminal of said one member, a web page providing first display information to a terminal of one registered member, said first display information comprising: a first image to identify said one member, and a plurality of second images to identify other registered members, wherein each of the other members belongs to a same genre as said one member (emphasis added);" and

(2) "receiving, from said terminal of said one member, information indicating selecting of an image of a selected member from said first display information (emphasis added);" and

(3) transmitting a member web page of said selected member to said terminal of said one member; . . . if said selected member is one of the other members, forming second display information comprising about said one of the other members and prompting the one member to input a comment to said one of the other members; and if said selected member is said one member themselves, forming second display information prompting said one member to request a comment from an expert in said genre. (emphasis added)." Independent claims 15 and 22 as amended herein recite similar features.

Applicants submit that such actions regarding a "member" web page are not taught by even an *arguendo* combination of the cited art, as indicated by the Examiner. By contrast, Okura, alone or in combination, merely discusses a votive panel web page

Summary

Since features recited by independent claims 1, 15, and 22 (and respective dependent claims 11, 20, 27, and 34-37) are not taught by the cited art, alone or in combination, the rejection should be withdrawn and claims allowed.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims

patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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